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Good morning,

As most of you probably know, last Friday/Saturday was a rough night for law enforcement especially here in Florida with death of two (2) Kissimmee Police Officers. I know that our thoughts and prayers are with the families, co-workers, and communities.

I wanted to take this opportunity to ensure that we are utilizing the proper protective equipment and making sure we use appropriate back-up. I'm not suggesting that the tragic events over the weekend were the results of any negligence but to reinforce basic safety concerns. We work in a very unpredictable world and we must be prepared. One of my pet-peeves is NOT wearing protective body armor. Please govern yourselves accordingly.

FYI… Apparently the Blue Line is now being considered a symbol of the White Nationalist/Neo-Nazi/Alt-Right. So if you have this displayed on your vehicle, maintain Situational Awareness.

Stay safe!!

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6 Police Officers Shot in Florida and Pennsylvania, 2 Killed and 4 Wounded

by Alastair Jamieson and Chelsea Bailey
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Six police officers were shot, two fatally, in three separate incidents in Florida and Pennsylvania late Friday, officials said.

Two officers were shot in Kissimmee around 9:30 p.m., just south of the theme park hub of Orlando, central Florida. They both later died from their wounds.

In Jacksonville, two officers were critically wounded in a shoot-out, while two state troopers were also shot in Fayette County, Pennsylvania.

In Kissimmee, officers Sam Howard and Matthew Baxter were checking suspects in an area of the city for drug activity when they were shot, Kissimmee Police Chief Jeff O'Dell said at a news conference. They did not have an opportunity to return fire.

"They were surprised," O'Dell said. When asked whether they were ambushed, he

said, "It's too early to tell, but it's leading that way."

Baxter, a three-year veteran of the department, died later at a hospital Friday. The 27-year-old was married to another officer and father to four young children.

Howard, a 10-year veteran, died from his wounds Saturday afternoon, the department said.

Police have arrested and charged suspect Everett Glenn Miller, 45, with first degree murder in connection with Baxter's murder. Additional charges were not immediately announced.

"There may have been some type of scuffle, ending in the shooting that took Officer Baxter's life," O'Dell said. He added that Miller does not seem to have an extensive criminal history.

The officers were checking three of the suspects when Miller allegedly opened fire and fled. He was later identified and arrested by the sheriff's office and initially charged with having two concealed weapons.

"This is devastating to law enforcement and heart breaking," O'Dell said. "They were the epitome of what you ask for in law enforcement officers."

O'Dell said the officers were not wearing body cameras at the time of the shooting. President Donald Trump tweeted that his "thoughts and prayers" were with the local police "and their loved ones."

Mayor Jose Alvarez said in a statement: "Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of our fallen officer, Matthew Baxter who lost his life in the line of duty. Our prayers also go out to Sergeant Sam Howard and his family as he remains in critical condition.

"The entire city of Kissimmee is in mourning. We pray for all law enforcement who are out there, protecting our community."

In Jacksonville, Officers Michael Fox and Kevin Jarrell were responding to a call about an attempted suicide at a house. As the approached the property, officers heard gunfire inside the home, Jacksonville Sheriff's Office Director of Patrol and Enforcement Mike Bruno told NBC News.

Before officers even entered the house, the suspect began shooting at them through the doorway [with a semi-automatic rifle].

"We're talking a gun battle within four or five feet of each other," Jacksonville Sheriff Mike Williams said during a press conference on Saturday. "The suspect fired at the officers, two officers were struck ... and the suspect in the exchange of gunfire was struck twice by the officers."

Williams later identified 25-year-old Derrick Rashard Brabham as the alleged shooter. He later died from his wounds.

Williams said Brabham had no prior criminal history and it is believed that the incident was fueled by alcohol. During the conference, Williams showed images of a semi-automatic rifle allegedly used during the shooting.

Fox is an 11-year veteran of the Jacksonville police force. Williams said this is his second officer-involved shooting. Jarrell has been on the force for five years.

In Pennsylvania, two troopers were shot and a suspect killed after an incident near store on West Church Street in Fayette County, Pennsylvania State Police Trooper Melinda Bondarenka said in a statement.

One of the troopers was air-lifted from the scene to a hospital in Morgantown, West Virginia and the other was taken to a hospital via ambulance, NBC station WPXI reported.

Both were stable and alert, Bondarenka said.

2 Pennsylvania troopers shot in sting return fire, killing suspect

by Paul Pierce
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A state trooper was in critical condition Saturday following a fatal confrontation with a 26-year-old Fayette County man on Friday night.

Clarence A. Belsar III was shot and killed during an incident involving the troopers on West Church Street in Fairchance [Pennsylvania] around 8:15 p.m.

Belsar was a suspect in a series of burglaries being investigated by the Uniontown and Waynesburg state police stations, said Capt. Joseph D. Ruggery, the station commander.

Ruggery said that the troopers set up a buy via Facebook for a PlayStation gaming console in Fairchance near the Shop 'n Save on West Church Street. When Belsar arrived, the troopers identified themselves as police and informed him he was under arrest.

Belsar attempted to flee, and during a struggle he refused commands to stop.
After he was restrained by the troopers, "our investigation shows that he pulled out a .38-caliber handgun from his waistband and fired one round," Ruggery said.

The bullet glanced off one trooper's left hand, and struck the second trooper in the abdomen.

Both troopers, who officials declined to identify, returned fire.

State police said Belsar was shot multiple times. Police declined to disclose how many shots troopers fired or how many times Belsar was struck.

The trooper shot in the hand was treated and released from Uniontown Hospital. The second trooper was airlifted by medical helicopter to Ruby Memorial Hospital in Morgantown, W.Va., where he underwent emergency surgery Friday night. He was listed in critical condition, Ruggery said, late Saturday morning.

"However, his prognosis is good," he added.

"Our worst fears were realized Friday," Ruggery said. "Only by the grace of God both of these men are still with us today."

Ruggery said that because both officers worked in the vice unit they were in plain clothes and are not required to wear bulletproof vests.

Both Ruggery and Fayette County District Attorney Richard Bower credited bystanders for assisting the wounded troopers until paramedics arrived.

Ruggery noted that since the shooting occurred near a main street and busy grocery store there were several witnesses.

After Bower's formal determination on whether the shooting was justified, Ruggery said, the troopers will remain on desk duty, "once they recuperate," for an in-house administrative review .

"Our prayers right now are with the troopers and their families," Bower said.
"We do appreciate the outpouring of support from the community we've received for the troopers," Ruggery said.

Belsar is listed on the state's Megan's Law website, convicted in 2007 of child rape and in 2014 of child luring. The Megan's Law website lists him as a non-compliant Tier I sex offender.

Belsar had three active cases pending in local district courts on charges of harassment, receiving stolen property and retail theft.

Staff writer Patrick Varine contributed to this report.

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